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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF THE
PACIFIC, HELD IN THE ROOMS OF THE SOCIETY, ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1898, AT 2 P.M.

Mr. AITKEN presided. A quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting being the Second Award of the Bruce Gold Medal, the letters received from the Directors of the six nominating Observatories were submitted by the Secretary. After a careful consideration of the recommendations contained in these letters, the selection of the Medalist was made by ballot, and the following certificate of bestowal was signed by all Directors present:—

SAN FRANCISCO, November 26, 1898.

SECOND AWARD OF THE BRUCE MEDAL.

We, the undersigned Directors of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, hereby certify, that, in accordance with the Statutes for the bestowal of the Bruce Medal, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held this day, at 2 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of awarding the medal for the year 1899; and that, the provisions of the Statutes relating to its bestowal having been complied with, the medal was awarded to—

ARTHUR AUWERS,

for Distinguished Services to Astronomy, by the consenting votes of eight Directors.

Signed: R. G. AITKEN, C. M. ST. JOHN, ROSE O'HALLORAN,
WM. M. PIERSON, FREDERICK H. SEARES, C. D. PERRINE (by proxy),
JAMES E. KEELER (by proxy), F. R. ZIEL.

In response to a request made by one of the nominating Observatories, the Board of Directors A. S. P. construes the provision in Article V of the Statutes, referring to "Astronomers worthy to receive the medal for the ensuing year," to cover services rendered during the lifetime of the nominee.

Adjourned.

On January 1, 1899, the Secretary addressed a letter to Professor AUWERS, notifying him of the action taken by the Directors. The following letter of acceptance was received on February 21st:—

(Translation)

Mr. F. R. ZIEL, *Secretary*,

BERLIN, January 31, 1899.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your communication of the 1st inst., in which you notify me of the award of the Bruce Medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

The regulations, which the founder (who has done so much for astronomy) has, with wise foresight, established for the bestowal of this medal, make the award a high honor for the recipient.

I feel very much gratified that my efforts to serve the Science have been found worthy of this recognition, and it is a special gratification for me to now share this honor with your eminent Professor NEWCOMB.

I request you to transmit to the Directors of your Society my sincere and grateful thanks for the distinction thus conferred upon me.

Yours most respectfully,

Signed: A. AUWERS.